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There are plenty of American fliers who will avenge the death of Major Lufbery.

Evidently the government really intends to run the railroads. Let railroad presidents take notice.

Not a few persons breathe a little easier when they hear that Wilson is safely back in the White House.

Those Americans who joined the British forces to get into the war early ought to have joined the old Co. D of St. Johnsbury.

The Times extends, on behalf of the people of Barre, a cordial welcome to the Vermont state court, Catholic Order of Foresters.

The Wells River girl who left a suicidal note and immediately started for Belows Falls didn't know what a real live village Bro. Belknap keeps down that way.

London is by no means an invulnerable city. The German air attack last Sunday night gives ample proof, though the military results were probably nothing at all.

Having a war chest did not cramp Brattleboro's generosity, as the town unlocked the chest and brought out more than the town's quota for the present Red Cross drive.

Barring a few pro-Germans, the nation is unanimous in believing that the American Red Cross is entirely worthy of support. Don't be in the pro-German class and refuse to support the noble cause during the present drive. To fail to assist the Red Cross when one is able to do so would be to help the German cause.

Announcement of a courageous stand by two colored troopers in the American army in France is the first published statement to come to our attention that colored troops are numbered among the American expeditionary forces, although it was to be expected that they would find their way into Europe along with the other fighters.

Those Vermont high school boys who have gone to Lyndon to enter upon training as farm helpers are doing their bit for the win-the-war campaign. Incidentally, they are gaining some information which will prove to be of great value to them all through their lives. It was worth a good deal to be selected among the boys to attend the state's training course at the Vail farms.

The death of Major Raoul Lufbery, called one of the best, if not the best, of the American aviation force in France, will be mourned by Americans all over the United States, not so much because of the loss to be felt by the United States aviation force as because of the passing of a brave, patriotic man. In all his career in behalf of the allies Major Lufbery, from the time when he entered the French service as an American volunteer down to the time when he entered the air for his last flight, carried himself as a courageous fighter, ready to tackle any foe and to tackle superior numbers as the occasion might be. That is what placed him at the head of the American aviation force in France, that is, the chief "ace" of the service, as the French would call it. Major Lufbery's example was far-reaching and powerful. The American air forces will fight the better and the harder as the result of that example.

In their operations on the western front following the offensive by the Germans, the allies are following out the program set by the French after the terrific blow of the Germans against the Verdun positions. After holding up the great drive at that point the French began inching their way back day after day, sometimes meeting with reverses in the forward movement, but always keeping pecking away at the hastily built defenses of the Germans, until they came to a point where they could launch a great counter-offensive, which they carried out successfully. Ever since the initial efforts of the Germans on the Flanders and Picardy fronts were stopped, the allies have been pecking away at the German defenses in the more vulnerable spots and they already have reclaimed some good positions. It may be that if the German offensive is not shortly resumed the allies will continue the Verdun program and launch a counter-offensive of great strength.

VERMONTERS DOING WELL

The first-hand information from an American officer at the battle of Seicheprey is of such a nature as to prove that the Vermont soldiers, along with the soldiers from other states, acquitted themselves remarkably well in that important clash with the veteran German troops. The battle of Seicheprey was virtually the first real battle in which American forces had been engaged, so that they were, strictly speaking, green troops. Yet when measured against the

pick of the German army gathered in that section of the front they stood their ground well in the face of superior numbers and exacted large toll for the temporary advantage which the enemy gained. The testimony about the steadfastness of Lieutenant Tenney of St. Albans, who is probably a prisoner in Germany, is particularly pleasing. This Vermont soldier and the men from the old Green Mountain state stood to their task grimly and fought with determination. We are not going to say that the Vermonters fought better than anybody else but we do believe that they measured well up with their American comrades, as they will measure up all through the war.

THE KAISER'S "DECISIVE DAY" STRETCHES OUT.

It is two months since the kaiser pronounced that the "decisive day" of the war has come and then hurled his phalanxes into the maelstrom of battle on the western war front. At about the same time, or slightly before, Von Hindenburg was making the blatant boast (so the cables stated) that he and the other vons and their minions would be in Paris during August. Two months have passed their bloody way and the kaiser's "decisive day" is turning into rubber because of its capacity for being stretched; and Von Hindenburg's appetite for a French feast in Paris is gnawing his inwards. Meanwhile the Germans have advanced over a considerable section of torn territory and some hundreds of thousands of their best fighting men have either been placed under the sod or have been incapacitated in some way or other. Moreover, the allies, although suffering severely, have stood off the Germans in their great purposes and are more united to-day than they were before the beginning of the offensive by the enemy back in March. Then, too, the United States is rapidly making up for the defection of Russia in the war, with an army far "over half a million" already in the field, how much over it is mere conjecture to state. It is to be expected that the kaiser et alis will do some more damage before they are thoroughly whipped on the field of battle, but as for a "decisive day" of victory for them there will be none, and Von Hindenburg will not sit at banquet in Paris unless it be in ball and chain. Two months of offensive by the enemy have taught the allies many lessons, chief of which were the necessity for united command and the necessity for prompt manpower aid from the United States. These lessons have been turned into good account, let it be added. Germany is already a defeated nation whatever her dying struggles may produce.

CURRENT COMMENT

Beans Valuable Food and Profitable.

The present high cost of foodstuffs in general and of meat products in particular has tended to increase the production of beans and to encourage their use as a relatively cheap source of protein food. In some sections of New England beans have been successfully raised for many years, but in view of the increased demand for them, as food, many farmers who have never planted beans are asking for information as to their adaptability and culture. The accompanying article is therefore timely.

Beans are a valuable food, carrying about 25 per cent. protein against scarce 20 per cent. for sirloin steak, 18 for codfish, 10 for bakers' bread and 10 per cent. for corn. The food calories in dry beans reach 1,505 as against 1,130 for beef, 325 for codfish and 1,205 for bread. Beans also carry more carbohydrates than the foods mentioned.—New England Homestead.

Co. D Has Suffered Severely.

The baptism of blood has been visited upon Company D of St. Johnsbury to an extent far beyond that suffered by any other company of the former National Guard of Vermont. Adjutant-General Johnson compiled figures a few days ago showing 17 casualties in the organization and since then three more have been reported, making the record stand six killed in action, eight missing in action and seven wounded. Some of the Connecticut companies have been hit terribly hard on the battlefield, and the Greenfield and Orange companies of the old Second Massachusetts regiment have had many men fall in battle against the Hun, but no company in the three northern states of New England has sustained anything like the number of casualties accorded to old Company D.—Brattleboro Reformer.

A Cheer for Italy.

While we raise a cheer and something more substantial for the beneficent Red Cross this week, also several cheers for the doings of our soldiers at the front in Picardy, Lorraine and Flanders, let us spare a hearty cheer for Italy, who is helping with daily thrusts at Austrian positions, and who on Friday will enter her fourth year in the war. She has had a hard fight from the first, on the most rugged of all the battlefronts, and during a large part of the time with but little assistance from her allies. And she fought on with splendid fortitude when many of her people were reduced to destitution, unknown in its depth and extent to those who might have helped. Now her situation and her needs are understood, and it will be one of the aims of the United States to extend to her a full and friendly hand. Militarily she will no longer feel herself isolated, as under the supreme command her own troops and those of her allies will make occasional exchanges from front to front.

Italy's fighting on the Asiago plateau has been long-sustained, resolute and brilliant; her foiling and holding of the Austrian forces attempting to descend the Lagarina valley have been conducted with unflinching determination in the face of Austrian superiority in artillery and positions; and these last struggles on the rocky sides of Monte Corone, to prevent an Austrian invasion of Lombardy by way of Rovereto and the banks of the Adige, have shown heroic persistence and endurance. Thousands of the men who are fighting there to wrench old Italian districts from the Austrian grasp have lived over here as fellow-workers with Americans, and while they have gone back to do service to their native country, they cherish kindly thoughts of the United States. We reciprocate the Cross.—Boston Transcript.

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feeling. The world owes much to Italy and Italians, and our sympathies and arms are with them in this war for preservation of the liberty of which they and we alike are lovers.—Boston Herald.

Going In.

Six lines from Paris tell us in effect all that we need to know about the purpose of the entente to go into Siberia if it is necessary. The long story from Washington, with all its over-elaboration of explanation, is interesting enough, because it aids memory in bringing back certain matter that may have become obscure in the multitude of things one's mind has to carry nowadays, but the point of the whole matter is that Japan and China, with the consent of and probably in company with the other allies, are to act for the protection of Manchuria—are to co-operate in what will all probably become an offensive-defensive movement.

This is first-rate. It is no time for parlor diplomacy—no time at all for doctrinaire dreamings about what may or may not happen. The Germans are in eastern Russia. They are aiming at the Pacific coast. Once they are there in force, a struggle for the supremacy of the Pacific will begin. And we are just as vitally interested in the Pacific as we are in the Atlantic.

There has been a good deal of muttering because Japan hasn't done more in the war. This is idle. We are having to strain every nerve to be effective with only 3,000 miles of water between our doors and the fighting front. What on earth could Japan do? This, she can do. She can protest us from the eastward push of the Teutons. And she is to do it.

What about Russian sensibilities? We must take our chances with them. Germany is building a high road across Russia to the Pacific. That road must be locked, no matter what Russia thinks about it. And this is Japan's job. We are glad she is going in.—Manchester Union.

The Red Cross Family.

It is natural that the families of the men with the colors, shield and adon, should be among the first and most frequent contributors at all times to the Red Cross war fund, and that they should be leaders throughout this week in the drive for the second hundred million dollars and more to be added to the treasury of the organization before the week ends. It is natural because the war for these families is neither dim nor distant. It is a reality that with the end of every week and the arrival of every mail becomes more and more a part of their daily lives. They are doing the work of the Red Cross at home and the Red Cross is doing for their own and away from home. They do not need to be told what that work is, how essential it is, why no government can do it, and all the other details that make up the wonderful story of Red Cross relief. Working for the Red Cross, giving to the Red Cross, pleading for the Red Cross long ago became for them privileges too precious to be described as duties, and they will go on working, giving and pleading until their men in brown and blue come home, and longer, too, for they will not all come home.

What of the other families in the land, however, who through no fault of their own have been denied the blessing that blood representation with the colors bestows? To them the Red Cross makes this week its most imperative appeal for support, an appeal to do by their own flesh and blood; an appeal to show themselves worthy of the sacrifice which the sons and fathers and husbands and brothers of others are making in behalf of every family under the Stars and Stripes. It is not the good fortune of every man to get to the front, nor of every family to fly the service flag, but every member of every family can come together and work and give together in the great family of the American Red Cross. They cherish kindly thoughts of the United States. We reciprocate the Cross.—Boston Transcript.

WEBSTERVILLE

A very successful and enjoyable entertainment was held at the vestry of St. John the Baptist church, Webster-ville, last night. The program took the form of a short play, entitled, "A Duel to Death," the duel being between two charming elderly women. Those taking part in the play were Miss Ella Earle, who was very true to life in the part of the elderly spinster, who schemed to marry her niece to a millionaire. Mrs. Edward Anderson, as the charming elderly widow, who also wished to marry a millionaire, did exceedingly well. Mrs. Robert Coxon took the part very acceptably of the niece, a young lady, who decides she will marry the young man in the play. The part of the hero was well taken by Alex. Bowerman, and Hugh Raycraft impersonated the elderly millionaire excellently. The program also included a reading by Miss Earle, three selections by the choir, assisted by Mrs. William Edwards, and a short and interesting speech by Mr. Brodie of Graniteville. After the program substantial refreshments were served and a social hour was enjoyed. The committee in charge was well satisfied with the financial results of the evening's entertainment.

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ROCHESTER

Marvin Cook has a new Six five-passenger car.
Fay Martin was at home on a short furlough from Portsmouth, N. H., recently.
The Red Cross shipped 1,920 surgical dressings to Boston last week. Rochester's part in the Red Cross drive is \$760.
Wednesday evening, May 22, there will be an old-fashioned dance, under the direction of Mrs. S. F. Hubbard. This is for the benefit of the local Red Cross. Mrs. Julia Pierce will give the use of her hall.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chamberlain are visiting relatives in Gardner, Mass.
H. C. Stoughton was called to Barre last week by the serious illness of his mother.
Artemus Townsend has been commissioned as ensign in the U. S. navy. He is now stationed at Quincy, Mass.
Porter H. Dale, congressman from the second Vermont district, will deliver the address here Memorial day.
Several from here attended the war conference at Montpelier last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Clesson Cook of Ausable Forks, N. Y., have been recent guests at the home of his brother, Marvin Cook.

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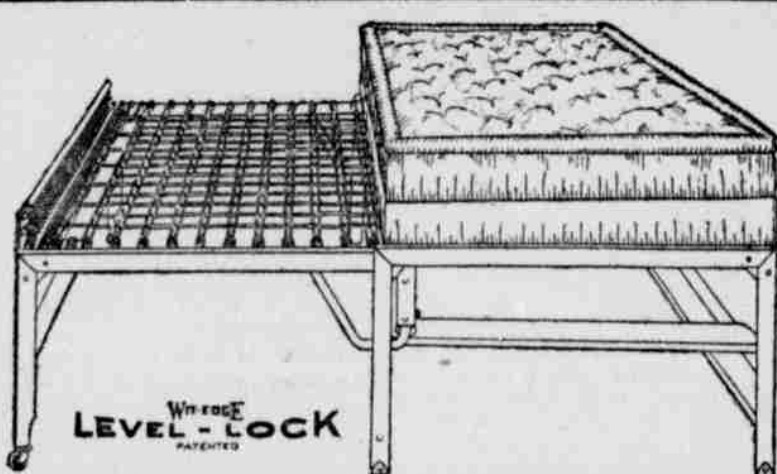
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